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Two Men Charged After Police Pursuit in LA County

Two men were charged today with breaking into a home and leading police on a pursuit that began in Cerritos and ended in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Herschel Reynolds (dob 12/8/95) and Isaiah Dewayne Young (dob 12/17/96) have each been charged with four counts in case VA141652: two counts of hit and run driving resulting in property damage and one count each of first-degree residential burglary and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly.

Young was arraigned this afternoon and pleaded not guilty to the charges. His next court appearance is scheduled for April 18 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

Reynolds is scheduled to be arraigned on May 10 in Department 3 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

Prosecutors said on April 7 a woman drove up to her Cerritos home and saw an unknown car in her driveway. The woman began honking her horn at the car, at which point the vehicle in the driveway pulled out and sped away. When the woman went inside her home, the back door was smashed and there were items missing from the house, prosecutors added.

Authorities were called and they located the car that had sped away from the Cerritos home. As police began their pursuit of the car, the suspect vehicle was driven at high speeds, weaved in and out of traffic and collided with other cars, prosecutors said.

The suspect vehicle finally stopped in front of a South L.A. home, at which point the two passengers exited the car and surrendered to police, prosecutors said. The driver and passenger were later identified as Reynolds and Young, according to prosecutors.

If convicted as charged, each defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of six years and eight months in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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